


**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENVILLE COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 6:30pm**

1. Call to Order Council President Longiotti called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Invocation: Monsignor Andrew Karg, St. Michael Church
Pledge of Allegiance
A moment of silence was held in honor of Veteran's Day

3. Roll Call: Pete Longiotti, Council President
Pamela S. Auchter, Vice President
David P. Henderson, Councilor
Henry M. Mueller, Councilor
Alfred L. Peden, Councilor
Brian W. Shipley, Councilor
Jasson W. Urey, Councilor

Richard H. Miller, Mayor

Also present:

Joe Joseph, Borough Solicitor
Ryan T. Eggleston, Borough Manager
Nancy Little, Borough Secretary
Frank Vanderslice, Tax Collector

Department Heads:

Dennis Stephens, Chief of Police
Steve Thompson, Fire Chief
Erik Bielata, GALSA
Don Patterson, Code/Zoning Officer

Anthony D'Alfonso
Lucia D'Alfonso
Tom D'Alfonso
Jason Davidson
Marcella A. Dixon
John McDonald
Diana Miller

Rob Robinson
Don Shaw
Kate Yasgur

Media:

Caleb Stright, Record-Argus
Monica Pryts, Herald

4. Executive Session

5. Public Comments/Public Participation

Mrs. Dixon reported the upper portion of Shenango Street has been damaged due to the increase of traffic from construction vehicles working on the new Sheetz store. This issue will be added to the November 20 Street Committee agenda.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Auchter, that the minutes of the October 14 regular and October 27, 2008 special meetings be approved as written. Motion carried.

7. Budget Report

Mr. Eggleston gave an overview of the budget report. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Urey, to approve the budget report. Motion carried.

8. Mayor's items

Mayor Miller introduced Police Chief Stephens, who awarded several commendations for outstanding service to the following officers: Dennis Bish, Wes Carson, James Hellman and Ralph Henry

Mayor Miller inquired about installing flags along Main Street to honor veterans. Council President Longiotti replied that the new brackets purchased by Thiel College are intended to display flags from Memorial Day through Labor Day each year if funding or a sponsor for the flags becomes available.

9. Council reports

- A. Police report for October 2008
- B. Fire Chief report for October 2008
- C. Treasurer's report for October 2008
- D. Public Works report for October 2008
- E. Code/Zoning Officer report for October 2008
- F. GALSA agenda for the November meeting

Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to accept the monthly reports as presented. Motion carried.

10. Reports from Council Committees

Council President Longiotti reported Mercer County Council of Government's lock up services contract has been approved.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Henderson, to authorize the Public Works garage design phase in accordance with HRG's proposal. Motion carried.

- B. There was some discussion on the 2009 proposed budget. Mr. Eggleston announced real estate taxes will not be increased in 2009. Residents will see a slight increase on earned income tax from 1.6% to 1.65%. Non-residents will have an earned income tax increase from 1.34% to 1.42%.
Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Urey, to authorize the advertisement of the 2009 proposed budget. Motion carried.
Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 1482, which establishes the tax for general purposes at 21.5 mills for 2009 and also Ordinance 1483, which establishes the real estate tax at 10 mills. Neither ordinance features an increase. Motion carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Peden, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the Earned Income Tax Ordinance for the December Council Meeting and to file a petition with Mercer County Courts. Motion carried.

- B. Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to approve the update to the Borough of Greenville's Civil Service rules and regulations. Motion carried.

- C. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Urey, to execute a contract with Direct Energy. A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Longiotti	Yes
Councilor Auchter	Yes
Councilor Mueller	Yes
Councilor Peden	Yes
Councilor Shipley	Yes
Councilor Urey	Yes

Councilor Henderson No

Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

- D. Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Shipley, to authorize HRG to proceed with the design phase of the Eagle Street Project. Motion carried.

- E. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Auchter, for authorization to settle Anthony Petricini's legal dispute regarding the vacation of Fessler Place Alley. A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Longiotti	Yes
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Councilor Auchter Yes
Councilor Peden Yes
Councilor Shipley Yes
Councilor Urey Yes

Councilor Henderson No
Councilor Mueller No

Motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

- F. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to authorize the council president and borough manager to execute the Program Application and Investment Agreement for PLGIT's Certificate of Deposit Placement Program. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to invest \$217,700.00 (future debt service 2009-2011) in one (1) twelve month CD through PLGIT. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Urey, to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to invest \$350,000.00 (emergency day fund/internal TAN) in two (2) sixty day CDs through PLGIT. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to invest \$150,000.00 (road and parking lot improvements) in one (1) ninety day CD through PGLIT. Motion carried.

13. Council Comments

Councilor Shipley commended Mr. Eggleston and the Finance Committee on the year end PGLIT investments.

Councilor Auchter invited council to support GALSA's Holiday Raffle.

Councilor Henderson encouraged council to support GALSA's 2009 budgeting process and announced he is open to any questions.

Councilor Peden praised GALSA on reducing their 2008 debt and thanked council for their efforts to support building the new post office on the west side of Greenville.

Councilor Urey congratulated the police department on a good job well done.

Councilor Mueller added his congratulations to the police and fire departments.

14. Borough Manager's Comments

None.

15. Bills for Approval

Payroll	\$119,919.67
Administration/Buildings	4,012.96
Tax	2,733.13
Douglas and Joseph	1,250.00
Police	5,215.54
Fire	3,825.94
Code, Zoning & COG Department	99.88
Streets/Public Works	27,114.41
Airport	3,480.22
Park Expenses	1,967.40
Bank Payments and Insurance	76,268.82
Streetscape II	121,073.12
State Aid MMO's & Volunteer Fire Aid	141,081.32
Sewer System Operating Fund	48,375.17
<u>Capital Fund Projects</u>	<u>29,294.58</u>
Total	\$585,712.16

Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Mueller, that the bills be paid as presented. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment

Having no other business before council, motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Henderson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan T. Eggleston
Borough Manager